

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5610

February Session, 2000

LCO No. 1303

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: (JUD)

An Act Concerning The Protection Of Children Being Transported To School.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 52-557 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
- 2 is substituted in lieu thereof:
- In any action brought by any person for personal injuries received
- 4 while being transported to or from school in a vehicle owned, leased or
- 5 hired by, or operated under contract with, any town, school district or
- 6 other municipality, it shall be no defense that such transportation is in
- 7 the line of governmental duty <u>or is mandated by the state</u>. In any such
- 8 action brought against any town, school district or other municipality,
- 9 <u>the defense of sovereign immunity shall not be available and</u> it shall be
- 10 no defense that the transportation was being provided by an
- 11 independent contractor.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a town, school district or municipality may not invoke the defense of sovereign immunity when it is providing transportation to school children as an agent of the state. [Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]